Accruals for CRF

3251. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the actual accruals to the Central Road Fund (CRF) has been far out of proportion to the amount derived on the basis of sale of diesel and petrol in the State of Punjab during the last five financial years;

(b) if so, in what way the accruals derived on the basis of sale of diesel and petrol compared with actual approvals;

(c) the amount utilised during the said period from out of CRF for upkeep of State highways;

(d) the precise request and suggestions made by State Government to bring the expenditure made out of CRF in tune with sale-proceeds of petroleum products; and

(e) if so, Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Accruals to various States/Union Territories including that of Punjab under Central Road Fund (CRF) are decided as per provisions of the Central Road Fund Act 2000. Out of the total accruals (of 50% from the sale-proceeds of diesel and 100% from the sale-proceeds of petrol) 30% is earmarked for maintenance and development of roads other than national Highways. Distribution of Central Road Fund to States/Union Territories is based on 60% fuel consumption in the State and 40% geographical area of the State. Accruals to the State of Punjab for the State Roads during the last five financial years are given below:

SI.No.	Year	Accruals in Rs. crore
1.	2000-01	42.99
2.	2001-02	41.16
3.	2002-03	40.43
4.	2003-04	38.48
5.	2004-05	37.36

(c)The amount utilised during the last five financial years is given below:

SI.No.	Year	Accruals utilised in Rs. crore
1.	2000-01	Nil
2.	2001-02	27.24
3.	2002-03	51.07
4.	2003-04	29.46
5.	2004-05	21.88

(d)No such proposal has been received.

(e)Does not arise.

Four Laning of Buxar-Patna Highway

†3252. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAlN SINGH: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allotted by Government this year for maintaining National Highways in Bihar;

(b) whether any scheme is being implemented for converting Buxar-Patna highway into four lane in view of its importance;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith its scheduled time, the amount allotted and the agency involved; and

(d) in what manner it would be ensured that the work is completed in time so as to avoid time and cost overrun?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) During the current financial year, an amount of Rs. 30.78 crore has been allotted by this Ministry to Government of Bihar for maintenance of National Highways. Apart from this, an expenditure of Rs. 2.12 crore has been incurred by the National Highways Authority of India on the maintenance of National Highways in Bihar during this year upto July, 2005.

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